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FOLLOWING REPEAT NEW DELHI 14767 ACTION SECSTATE,  
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FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE PARAGRAPH ON INDO-US RELATIONS FROM  
THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S DECEMBER 6 STATEMENT IN THE RAJYA SABHA:  
"SIR, NOW I WILL SAY A FEW WORDS, BEFORE I CLOSE, ABOUT OUR  
RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. THE HOUSE MAY RECALL  
THAT, A LITTLE OVER A YEAR AGO, ON 30TH NOVEMBER, 1972, I STATED  
IN THE RAJYA SABHA THAT WE WOULD DO EVERYTHING IN OUR POWER TO  
NORMALISE AND STRENGTHEN OUR RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES ON  
THE BASIS OF EQUALITY, RECIPROCITY AND MUTUAL RESPECT. I AM GLAD  
TO BE ABLE TO SAY THAT IN THE POST-1971 PERIOD BOTH INDIA AND THE  
UNITED STATES HAVE MADE CONSCIOUS AND DELIBERATE EFFORTS TO ENSURE  
THAT OUR MUTUAL RELATIONS IMPROVE. I WAS ABLE TIN THE MONTH OF  
OCTOBER TO HAVE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE NEW SECRETARY OF STATE,  
DR. HENRY KISSINGER IN WASHINGTON. WE HAVE ALSO NOTED THAT  
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IN HIS TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE

IN SEPTEMBER 1973 DR. KISSINGER RECOGNIZED INDIA'S ROLE AS  
OF SPECIAL IMPORTANCE IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD WHOSE GROWTH AND  
STABILITY IS ESSENTIAL TO PEACE AND STABILITY IN SOUTH ASIA. IN  
THIS CONNECTION, IT IS PERTINENT TO POINT OUT THAT NEGOTIATIONS ON  
SETTLEMENT OF THE QUESTION OF PL-480 FUNDS ARE MAKING SATISFACTORY  
PROGRESS AND WE\*HOPE THAT IT WOULD SOON BE RESOLVED TO THE MUTUAL  
SATISFACTION OF THE TWO SIDES. OUR ASSESSMENT IS THAT INDO-U.S.  
RELATIONS HAVE ENTERED A PHASE WHERE CONSTRUCTIVE, COOPERATIVE,  
AND MATURE RELATIONSHIP CAN BE BUILT BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.  
ON TWO RECENT OCCASIONS WE HAVE REITERATED THAT DURABLE PEACE  
IN THIS REGION CONTINUES TO BE THE PRIME OBJECTIVE OF OUR POLICY,  
NOT ONLY IN THE SUB-CONTINENT, NOT ONLY WITH PAKISTAN, BUT PEACE  
GENERALLY IN THE REGION. WE ARE GRATIFIED TO NOTE THAT OUR AMERICAN  
FRIENDS HAVE A BETTER APPRECIATION OF THIS POLICY, INCLUDING THE  
FACT THAT SUPPLY OF ARMS TO PAKISTAN, WHETHER DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY,  
CAN BE A MAJOR ELEMENT IMPEDING THE PROCESS OF NORMALISATION.  
IT IS OUR EARNEST HOPE THAT, KEEPING IN VIEW THE STEADY IMPROVEMENT  
IN THE SITUATION IN THE SUB-CONTINENT, THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WILL  
TAKE ALL STEPS TO HELP THE PROCESS AND NOT TAKE MEASURES WHICH  
ADVERSELY AFFECT IT."MOYNIHAN

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